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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES ACTION ON CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PETITION TO IMPLEMENT TECHNOLOGY-SPECIFIC OVERLAY AREA CODES

Washington, DC – Today the Wireline Competition Bureau has granted, in part, the California Public Utility Commission's (California Commission) petition to implement two technology-specific or specialized overlays (SOs)¹ for the state of California.² Specifically, this order permits the California Commission to place in the SOs all "transparent" or "non-geographic based" numbers, except for wireless services, that would otherwise be assigned to the underlying numbering plan areas. One SO will cover the northern portion of the state and the other SO will cover the southern portion of the state. The telephone numbers to be assigned in the SOs include those numbers used for services and technologies such as vehicle response systems, E-Fax, automated teller machines, point-of-sales machines, multi-line fax machines, and Voice over Internet Protocol services.

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¹ Service-specific and technology specific overlays are collectively referred to as specialized overlays (SOs). In a service-specific overlay, numbering resources are assigned to carriers that provide a particular type of service or services, such as unified messaging and/or vehicle response services. In contrast, numbering resources in a technology-specific overlay are assigned to carriers that use a particular type of technology or technologies, such as wireless. See *Numbering Resource Optimization*, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, 17 FCC Rcd 252, 282 n.173 (2001) (*Numbering Resource Optimization Third Report and Order*).

² See Petition of The California Public Utilities Commission and the People of the State of California for Authority to Implement Specialized Overlay Area Codes, filed October 6, 2003 (Petition). See also *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission and of the People of the State of California for Authority to Implement Specialized Overlay Area Codes*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 99-200, 18 FCC Rcd 21331 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2003). Comments were due on November 17, 2003 and reply comments were due on December 2, 2003.